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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting, 25 November 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT

AIR	- Maj. George Kudravetz	
ARMY	- Henry Holz	
AGRIC	- Foster E. Mohrhardt	
LC	- Lewis C. Coffin	
NSA	[REDACTED]	25X9A8
NSF	- Bernard M. Fry	
STATE	- John J. Morrow, Alternate	
USIA	- H. Roth Newpher	
CIA	- [REDACTED]	Chairman 25X1A9a Secretary

VISITORS

STATE - Noble Malencamp
Herbert T. Krueger
Charles Paine

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the fourth meeting were approved.
2. Status Report on P.L. 480 Program. The Library of Congress member reported the possibility of a negotiation with [REDACTED] For a program involving [REDACTED] 25X1X7
[REDACTED] The National Science Foundation representative stated that its 25X1A1a
program is awaiting further executive action from the Bureau of the Budget.
3. National Science Foundation: report on program releasing unclassified U.S. Government publications to the USSR. At the request of the National Science Foundation representative, this item was postponed to the next meeting.
4. Procurement Evaluations. The State Department representatives urged that all the evaluations on Latin America and the Scandinavian countries be turned in as soon as possible. The Chairman suggested that members consider Africa as the next target for an evaluation.

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5. International Conference on Scientific Information. The meeting was thrown open to a general discussion of this Conference held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, 16-21 November 1958. The Chairman praised the logistics of the Conference, but agreed with other members who believed that more progress could have been made in the field of the theme of the Conference. It seemed to some of the members who attended that many Conference participants dealt with attempts at initial perfection without acceptable solutions to the unsolved problems of scientific information handling; no new proposals were presented. The National Science Foundation representative reported that the Conference proceedings will be published as soon as possible. He stated further that talks were held with USSR and Sovbloc delegates to the Conference. A.I. Mikhailov, Director of the All-Union Institute of Scientific and Technical Information in Moscow stated during the course of these talks that at his Institute about 400,000 documents are distributed per year. Mr. Fry, NSF, concluded by stating that the existing committees of the International Conference on Scientific Information will follow up on future action, together with the International Federation for Documentation (FID) which will have its 1959 meeting in Warsaw and Moscow.

6. Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions. The Library of Congress member reported on an estimated cost paper presented to the Chairman. This paper assumes such an Index would be in 3 parts, as is the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions: Monographs, Periodicals and a Subject Index in English. Based on annual receipts of 6,000 monographs, 9,252 periodical issues with an average of 25 articles per issue, the estimated costs to produce such an Index, calculated by the Library of Congress, would be [REDACTED] The Chairman 25X1A1a stated that a letter incorporating the above estimate will be sent to each agency or department represented on PROCIB, requesting a statement of interest in and willingness to support a Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions.

7. Classified Supplement to L.C. Serial Publications of the Soviet Union. The Chairman again requested that all PROCIB members see to it that their contributions to this Supplement are in promptly.

8. Next Meeting. It was agreed not to have a December meeting. The next meeting will be 27 January 1959.

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Secretary

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